

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) An appliance operable to carry out at least one cleaning process using cleaning liquid, the appliance comprising:
an assembly for placing into contact with one another a cleaning liquid and at least one item to be cleaned; and
a system for supplying cleaning agent into the cleaning liquid, the system including a sensor that determines the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid during the cleaning process and a dosing device that alternately supplies additional cleaning agent to the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process in the event that the sensed content of washing-active substances is below a predetermined lower value and supplies fresh water to the cleaning liquid in the event that the content of washing-active substances is above a predetermined upper value.
12. (Previously Presented) The appliance according to claim 11, wherein the system for supplying cleaning agent to the cleaning liquid is regulated as a function of the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor by means of an electronic control.
13. (Previously presented) The appliance according to claim 11, wherein the sensor is a tenside sensor that determines a content of tensides in the cleaning liquid by means of a bubble pressure method.

14. (Previously presented) The appliance according to claim 13, wherein the tenside sensor in the appliance is surrounded by cleaning liquid as continuously as possible during the cleaning process.
15. (Currently amended) A method for operating an appliance operable to carry out at least one cleaning process using cleaning liquid, the method comprising the steps of: determining a ~~[[the]]~~ content in a cleaning liquid of washing-active substances that are supplied therinto via a ~~[[the]]~~ supply of cleaning agent into the cleaning liquid by a cleaning agent supply system; supplying additional cleaning agent to the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process in the event that the content of washing-active substances is determined to be below a predetermined lower value; and supplying fresh water to the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process in the event that the content of washing-active substances is determined to be above a predetermined upper value.
16. (Currently amended) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 15, wherein the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid is determined by a selected one of continuously determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process and determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid at short time intervals during the at least one cleaning process.
17. (Previously Presented) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 15, wherein determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid includes determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid via electronic means.

18. (Previously Presented) A method for operating an appliance according to claim 15, wherein determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid includes determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid via a sensor.
19. (Previously Presented) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 18, wherein at least part of the cleaning process is repeated depending on the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid via the sensor.
20. (Previously Presented) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 18, wherein a selected one of omission of at least part of the cleaning process and interruption of at least part of the cleaning process is undertaken depending on the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor.
21. (Previously presented) The appliance according to claim 11 and further comprising a device for displaying values relating to the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor, whereby an operator can add cleaning agents during the cleaning operation on the basis of an indicated concentration.
22. (Previously presented) The appliance according to claim 21, wherein the device for displaying values relating to the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor includes a component for generating an acoustic signal.
23. (New) A method for operating an appliance that carries out at least one cleaning process using a cleaning liquid, the method comprising:
supplying a cleaning agent having washing-active substances into the cleaning liquid via a cleaning agent supply system;

- determining a content of the washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid using a sensor and comparing the content of the washing-active substances to a predetermined lower value and a predetermined upper value;
supplying additional cleaning agent to the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process when the content of washing-active substances is below the predetermined lower value; and
supplying fresh water to the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process when the content of washing-active substances above the predetermined upper value.
24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the determining the content of the washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid and the comparing the content of the washing-active substances to the predetermined lower value and the predetermined upper value includes continuously determining the content of the washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process and comparing the content of the washing-active substances to the predetermined lower value and the predetermined upper value during the at least one cleaning process.
25. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the determining the content of the washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid and the comparing the content of the washing-active substances to the predetermined lower value and the predetermined upper value includes determining the content of the washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid during the at least one cleaning process at short time intervals and comparing the content of the washing-active substances to the predetermined lower value and the predetermined upper value during the at least one cleaning process.